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SUBJ: CIEC AND YUGOSLAV ROLE AMONG NON-ALIGNED

1. YUGOSLAV PRESS HAS COVERED CIEC FAIRLY EXTENSIVELY. PRIMARY EMPHASIS HAS BEEN ON YUGOSLAV "KEY" ROLE IN CONFERENCE, PARTICULARLY AS MEDIATOR IN GROUP OF 19. ENOUGH COVERAGE GIVEN POSITIONS OF OTHER DELEGATIONS TO ALLOW ASTUE READER FORM FAIRLY ACCURATE PICTURE OF ISSUES UNDER CONSIDERATION.

2. FASCINATING THEME HAS EMERGED; DISUNITY AMONG NON-ALIGNED. NOT ONLY HAS PRESS REPORTED DIFFERENCES WITHIN GROUP OF 19 BETWEEN OIL PRODUCERS AND OTHER LDC'S, TANJUG HAS GONE ON TO EXPLAIN (DEC 19TH) "IT WAS UNREALISTIC EVEN TO EXPECT THAT FOR INSTANCE PERU AND ZAMBIA OR SAUDI ARABIA AND IRAN WOULD MANIFEST A COMPLETE IDENTITY OF VIEWS AND INTERESTS ON ALL DETAILS, SOURCES IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES' DELEGATIONS UNDERLINED."

3. IN PAST YUGOSLAV PRESS HAS TENDED DENY ANY DISCUSSION OR SPLITS IN NON-ALIGNED CAMPT. SURFACING ISSUE AT THIS TIME SUGGESTS REAL CONCERN ON PART OF GOY. THIS TENDS TO CONFIRM REPORT BY AMERICAN RESEARCHER WITH CLOSE TIES TO SPECIALISTS
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IN FIELD WHO RECENTLY TOLD US THAT THESE CONTACTS AFRAID THAT

FORTHCOMING COLOMBO MEETING WILL BE DONNYBROOK, WITH OIL PRODUCERS LINED UP ON ONE SIDE AND OIL CONSUMERS ON OTHER AND/OR WITH THIRD WORLD/FOURTH WORLD SPLIT.

4. WE EXPECT, AND THIS CONSISTENT WITH WAY PRESS COVERED CIEC, THAT GOY WILL MAKE EVERY EFFORT IN MONTHS AHEAD TO TRY FIND COMMON GROUND AND COMPROMISE SOLUTIONS TO ECONOMIC PROBLEMS BEING DISCUSSED WITHIN GROUP OF 77. THIS WILL TAX INGENUITY OF YUGOSLAVS, SINCE PROBLEMS HAVE PASSED BEYOND STAGE WHEN THEY CAN BE SOLVED BY RHETORIC OR RESTATEMENT OF GENERAL PRINCIPLES. HOWEVER, YUGOSLAVS WILL PROBABLY MAKE MAJOR EFFORT SINCE THEY SEE UNIFIED NON-ALIGNED GROUP AS INDISPENSIBLE TO THEIR OWN FOREIGN POLICY INTERESTS.

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